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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, United Stone and Design, Unpermitted Site,
S/047/079, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 8, 2004
Time of Inspection: 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 90's
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

I was in the area and found signs of disturbance and equipment that might be used to excavate stone. I decided to check and see what was going on.

Getting to the site:

Beginning on the Seep Ridge Road in Section 30 of Township 12 South, Range 21 East, take the road leading southwest toward Willow Creek. When you get to Willow Creek, head north for about two miles then cross the creek. About two miles after crossing the creek, there is an intersection where the main road leads south and the road you want to stay on heads east. Continue on this road through Agency Draw and up the other side of the draw. After about two and one-half miles from the bottom of the draw, there is an intersection with a pad on the right side of the road. Turn right at this intersection and go about one-fourth mile to a turnoff on to a two track road on the right. The largest disturbance is at the end of this road. About another quarter of a mile farther north is another turnoff to the smaller site. The Loadall discussed below was parked along the main road just north of this second turnoff.

Observations:

The disturbances I found consisted of two two-track roads leading to some small excavations. It appears the Loadall forklift (Photo 1) or something like it has been used to lift stone from the ground after which it is palletized. Photos 2-4 show views of the excavations and some of the stone. Mining has been done from the surface with no pit.

I saw no evidence that soil had been stockpiled for future reclamation.

I recorded the vehicle identification number and a "PIN" from the Loadall. Parked in the pad at the intersection before turning north, there was a front end loader that could also have created this disturbance, and I recorded the Serial Number from this piece of equipment.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

I tried to identify the owner of the Loadall through the Utah State Tax Commission and the Duchesne and Uintah County Assessors, but none of these entities had record of the vehicle identification number. The person from the Uintah County Assessor's Office called Justin Farley with United Stone who said he had a "lease to own" agreement for it.

I subsequently talked with Mr. Farley who admitted he had created the disturbances. I explained the need to file a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI) and a reclamation bond. On July 19, 2004, I wrote Mr. Farley and sent him the NOI and bonding forms and also explained the need to permit this site. In this letter, I discussed the new inspection and enforcement rules and said I would prefer to not write a violation (cessation order) if it could be avoided. If this is the only site permitted, the bond would only need to be \$3000, but the bond and NOI would need to be submitted very soon. **I anticipate writing a cessation order if the NOI is not submitted by August 2, 2004.**

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cc: Justin Farley, United Stone & Design

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Photographs

S/047/079, Unpermitted Site, United Stone and Design

Inspection Dated: July 8, 2004; Report Dated: July 27, 2004



Photo 1. Loadall overhead forklift apparently used in mining operations.



Photo 3. A view of part of the mining area.



Photo 2. Some of the palletized stone.



Photo 4. Another view of the mining area.